STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO. 2 and sequences at least 90% homologous to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said protein has α -1,6-mannosyltransferase activity, wherein said nucleic acid is derived obtained from *Hansenula polymorpha*.
- 2. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid is designated as SEQ ID NO. 1.
- 3. (previously presented) An isolated protein which is coded by the nucleic acid of claim 1.
- 4. (original) A recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule designated as SEQ ID NO. 1, deposited under accession number KCTC 10583BP.
- 5. (original) A *Hansenula polymorpha* Hpoch2Δ mutant strain deposited under accession number KCTC 10584BP.
- 6. (original) The *Hansenula polymorpha* Hpoch2Δ mutant strain according to claim 5, comprising an expression vector for a sugar chain-modifying enzyme.
- 7. (previously presented) The Hansenula polymorpha Hpoch2 Δ mutant strain according to claim 6, wherein the sugar chain-modifying enzyme is selected from the group consisting of α -1,2-mannosidase, N-acetyl glucosaminyltransferase I and N-acetyl glucosaminyltransferase II.
- 8. (currently amended) A process for producing a recombinant glycoprotein using \underline{in} the *Hansenula polymorpha* Hpoch2 Δ mutant strain according to claim 5-lacking of α -1,6-mannosyltransferase activity, wherein the recombinant glycoprotein lacks further

sugar-chain synthesis of Man₈ on N-linked glycosylation.

- 9. (original) The process according to claim 8, wherein the *Hansenula polymorpha* Hpoch2 Δ mutant strain comprises an expression vector for a sugar chain-modifying enzyme, wherein said sugar chain-modifying enzyme is α -1,2-mannosidase.
- 10. (canceled)
- 11. (original) A glycoprotein produced by the process of claim 8 or 9.
- 12. (previously presented) The Hansenula polymorpha Hpoch 2Δ mutant strain according to claim 6, wherein the sugar chain-modifying enzyme is α -1,2-mannosidase.